

IC 31-34-16

Chapter 16. Petition for Parental Participation

IC 31-34-16-1

Standing

Sec. 1. Any of the following may sign and file a petition for the juvenile court to require the participation of a parent, guardian, or custodian in a program of care, treatment, or rehabilitation for a child.

- (1) The prosecuting attorney.
- (2) The attorney for the county office of family and children.
- (3) A probation officer.
- (4) A caseworker.
- (5) The department of correction.
- (6) The guardian ad litem or court appointed special advocate.

As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.17.

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Verification

Sec. 2. A petition filed under section 1 of this chapter must be verified.

As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.17.

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Caption; allegations

Sec. 3. A petition seeking participation of a parent, guardian, or custodian must be entitled "In the Matter of the Participation of _____ the Parent, Guardian, or Custodian of _____". The petition must allege the following:

- (1) That the respondent is the child's parent, guardian, or custodian.
- (2) That the child has been adjudicated a child in need of services.
- (3) That the parent, guardian, or custodian should:
 - (A) obtain assistance in fulfilling obligations as a parent, guardian, or custodian;
 - (B) provide specified care, treatment, or supervision for the child;
 - (C) work with a person providing care, treatment, or rehabilitation for the child; or
 - (D) refrain from direct or indirect contact with the child.

As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.17.

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Hearing; advisement to parent; decree

Sec. 4. (a) The court may hold a hearing on a petition concurrently with a dispositional hearing or with a hearing to modify a dispositional decree.

(b) If the order concerns participation of a parent, the juvenile court shall advise the parent that failure to participate as required by an order issued under IC 31-34-20-3 (or IC 31-6-4-15.8 before its repeal) can lead to the termination of the parent-child relationship under IC 31-35.

(c) If the court finds that the allegations under section 3 of this chapter are true, the court shall enter a decree.
As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.17.